

IN SENATE  
OF  
THE UNITED STATES,

JANUARY, 2, 1818.

*Honorable William H. Crawford, Esq.*

SIR,

Your petitioners beg leave most respectfully to represent to you for your consideration the following case, the severity of which has nearly ruined your petitioners. In the month of February, 1814, the brig *Anno*, arrived at Savannah from Lisbon, bound to Amelia, with about forty packages of goods on board: the brig was compelled by bad weather to make a harbor at Savannah: the captain or agent went to town, there made an arrangement to smuggle his goods on shore, which he attempted to do; the goods were many of them landed; the officers of the customs seized them, also the brig, all of which was condemned and sold by order of the government. The brig and goods amounted to about forty-seven thousand dollars, all of which was a total loss to the owners. Had we ever expected the captain would have attempted to smuggle his cargo, or any part of it, we should never given him employment. The whole transaction was done without the least knowledge of your petitioners. And your petitioners most earnestly pray that they may be so far indemnified as to have restored to them the moiety paid into the Treasury of the United States, which was not less, in our opinion, than twenty-three thousand dollars. This sum divided among the citizens of the United States is paltry sum; but, Sir, when this amount is taken from one, which is his all, it makes him ever poor and miserable and does not benefit the public only in a comparative degree.

We most earnestly request that you would give our case a mature reflection. We submit this case under a full conviction that we are in the hands of the benevolent, who take a pride in building up and making happy his citizens when founded upon the strictest principles of justice.

We have not seen nor scarcely heard from the captain of the brig since the seizure; and we have been waiting for him for a statement of facts and a self-justification of his conduct for three years, and are now without hope of ever seeing him.

We are strongly inclined to believe that he was the complainant and received his share of the amount of property seized and condemned.

We remain, dear Sir,

Your most obedient and very humble servants,

(Signed)

PETERS & POND.

*Boston, August 26, 1817.*

## TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

DECEMBER 31, 1817.

SIR,

In obedience to the resolution of the Senate of the 22d instant, referring to this department the petition of John Peters and Saben Pond, I have the honor to enclose a statement of the proceeds of the brig Anno and cargo, exhibiting the amount paid into the Treasury, to the custom house officers, and to the informers.

From this statement it appears, that Reuben Newcomb, the master of the said brig, received of the proceeds of the said sale, the sum of \$502 25, and that there was paid into the Treasury seventeen thousand eight hundred and twenty-two dollars and forty-five cents.

There is no other evidence in this department which has any relation to the case of the petitioners.

I have the honor to be,

Your most obedient and very humble servant,

**WILLIAM H. CRAWFORD.**

*The honorable the President of the Senate.*

*The United States,*  
*vz.*  
*The brig Anno and cargo,* } *Condemned for smuggling.*  
*District court, Georgia.*

To amount of sale of the brig Anno, her tackle, apparel and furniture	-	-	-	7,000 00
Of sales of the cargo of do.	28,758	54		
Of sales of 29 barrels coffee	746	27		
Of sales of 40 pieces Irish linen	907	24		
Of sales of thread	273	75		
				<hr/> 30,685 80
			Dollars	<hr/> 37,685 80

To J. S. Bulloch, clerk, his fees	-	-	-	-	59 01
C. Harris, attorney	-	-	-	-	59 00
J. Eppinger, marshal, his fees	1,344	34			
Compensation allowed as custodee		70	00		
Commission allowed on sales, &c.		503	57		
					<hr/> 1,922 91
Balance, being nett proceeds	-	-	-	-	35,644 88
			Dollars		<hr/> 37,685 80

To A. S. Bulloch, collector, his pror. of nett proceeds	-	-	-	-	2,970 41
H. M'Intosh, naval officer do. do. do.	-	-	-	-	2,970 40
Thomas Bourk, surveyor do. do. do.	-	-	-	-	2,970 40
H. B. Jones and H. Slaughter, informers	7,457	19			
Reuben Newcomb	-	-	do.	502	25
J. C. C Gunn	-	-	-	do.	248 17
James Clarke	-	-	-	do.	133 07
C. D. Lebbey	-	-	-	do.	117 81
A. Robb (linen and thread)	-	-	-	do.	432 73
					<hr/> 8,911 22
The United States, their moiety of nett proceeds	-	-	-	-	17,822 45
			Dollars		<hr/> 35,644 88

The United States }  
 The very same was done }  
 Contained for shipping }  
 District Court, Georgia }

To amount of sale of the property, Anne, her children, and furniture  
 Of sales of the cargo of do. 22.78 34  
 Of sales of 20 barrels of do. 7.28 27  
 Of sales of 20 barrels of do. 7.07 22  
 Of sales of 20 barrels of do. 27.25 25  
 Of sales of do. 20.425 20  
 Dollars 67.085 20

To J. S. Bellch, clerk, for fees 10 01  
 C. Harris, attorney 23 00  
 J. Eppinger, marshal, his fees 1,244 25  
 Commission allowed as 70 00  
 Commission allowed on sales, &c. 308 27  
 Balance, being net proceeds 27,085 20  
 Dollars 27,085 20

To A. S. Bellch, collector, his proc. of net proceeds 2,270 44  
 H. M. Jones, master, do. do. do. 2,270 40  
 Thomas Hooker, surveyor, do. do. do. 2,270 40  
 H. B. Jones and H. B. Broughton, interpreters 7,427 19  
 H. B. Jones 402 25  
 A. C. O. Gunn 243 17  
 James Elliott 188 07  
 C. D. Lobbey 417 84  
 A. Robb (him and third) 428 75  
 The United States, their moiety of net proceeds 47,822 42  
 Dollars 52,644 88